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Lopez ("Lopez") – residential real property comm	only known as 310 Sand Myrtle Trail, Destin
Florida 32541 (the "Florida Property").	

- 2. On March 28, 2006 Stanly learned – for the first time – that the Florida Property had been listed for sale on February 22, 2006, and that Lopez has found a buyer. **ESCROW IS** SCHEDULED TO CLOSE ON THE SALE OF THE FLORIDA PROPERTY NEXT FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2006. Stanly does not know the agreed-upon sale price, but the Florida Property was listed at a sale price of \$1,295,000. A true and correct copy of the Internet listing of the Florida Property is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
- 3. Lopez failed to notify Stanly and/or this Court of either one of these critical facts: (1) that the Florida Property had been listed for sale; and (2) that an escrow had been opened, and is scheduled to close on Friday April 7, 2006.
- 4. No mention of the listing and/or sale of the Florida Property was made at the status conference held before this Court on March 20, 2006, even though at that point the Florida Property had been on the market for approximately a month.
- 5. The unsupervised liquidation of what may be the estate's only asset of consequence is an extraordinary event. It heightens the risk of loss to the estate by converting a permanent and immovable asset into a liquid and highly mobile asset which is capable of immediate dissipation.

### "PAST BEHAVIOR IS THE BEST PREDICTOR OF FUTURE BEHAVIOR" 1

- Lopez appears to be reacting to this Involuntary Petition in precisely the same way he reacted in 2003 when his creditors had finally closed in on him, and were about to collect – he conducted a secret sale of his residential real property (in Carlsbad, California), and absconded to Florida with the proceeds, in violation of a court order and his own stipulation (as explained below). His creditors first learned of Lopez's sale of his Carlsbad property when they attempted to personally serve him with process in the pending litigation against him, and discovered the property had been vacated and sold.
  - 7. Specifically, on June 26, 2003, creditor Union Bank of California filed a civil

Federal courts recognize "the truth of the axiom that past behavior is the best predictor of future behavior." *U.S. v. Crawford*, 372 F.3d 1048, 1071 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2004).

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collection action against Lopez, Stanly and Prism Advanced Technologies, Inc. ("Prism") to collect the outstanding balance on a bank loan of approximately \$300,000 (Union Bank of California v. Lopez, San Diego Superior Court Case Number GIN 030827), Union Bank had loaned the money to Prism, and Lopez and Stanly, as Prism's officers, had each personally guaranteed the loan.

- 8. The same day (June 26, 2003), creditor Pacific Carlsbad Partners filed a civil collection action against Lopez, Stanly and Prism to collect the outstanding balance on a promissory note of approximately \$40,000 (Pacific Carlsbad Partners, LLC v. Prism Advanced Technologies, Lopez and Stanly, San Diego Superior Court Case Number GIC 813397). Pacific Carlsbad Partners had loaned money to Prism, and Lopez and Stanly, as Prism's officers, had each personally guaranteed the loan.
- 9. In both collection actions, the creditors sought to attach the property of both Lopez and Stanly as a prejudgment remedy pending the outcome of the actions. Toward that end, on July 3, 2003, Union Bank obtained a Temporary Protective Order against Lopez and Stanly in which the Court, inter alia, specifically restrained Lopez from selling his residential real property commonly known as 5461 Los Robles Drive, Carlsbad, California 92008 (the "Carlsbad Property"). A true and correct copy of that Temporary Protective Order is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 10. That same day (July 3, 2003), Lopez and Stanly each executed a "Stipulation for Temporary Protective Order" in favor of Pacific Carlsbad Partners whereby Lopez and Stanly promised not to sell their residential real property – including the Carlsbad Property – until at least August 8, 2003, the date of the hearing on Pacific Carlsbad Partners' Application for Writ of Attachment. A true and correct copy of that Stipulation is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.
- 11. Four days later, on July 7, 2003, Lopez thumbed his nose at both Protective Orders described above when - without notice to the California Superior Court, or any of his creditors he sold the Carlsbad Property for approximately \$700,000 (approximately \$50,000 below fair market value) in a shortened escrow, and fled to Florida. A true and correct copy of the San Diego County Recorder's Office transaction record of this sale is attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

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- 12. A scant eight days later, on July 15, 2003, Lopez had consummated the purchase of the Florida Property for approximately \$745,000 (presumably with the purloined proceeds from the Carlsbad Property sale). That left Lopez living comfortably in Florida several weeks before the scheduled attachment hearing on August 8, 2003.
- 13. Now the past is proving to be prologue to the future as the risk of history repeating itself looms largely as a threat to the efficacy of the bankruptcy process. Lopez has again secretly arranged for the sale of his residence – the only significant asset available to satisfy the claims of the creditors in this proceeding. And he would have gotten away with it again, but for the occurrence of one serendipitous event: on or about March 27, 2006, a process server, sent to personally serve Lopez with a Deposition Subpoena, discovered a For Sale sign on the Florida Property, and noted that it was vacant. This triggered Stanly's immediate investigation which revealed the even more alarming details of the impending escrow.
- 14. If the sale is allowed to proceed without the supervision of a trustee, Lopez's bankruptcy estate may well be emptied of assets, and Lopez's creditors will be left empty-handed again.
- 15. In order to preserve the assets of the estate, and assure a ratable distribution of available assets, an interim trustee must be appointed to fairly administer the proceeds of the sale of the Florida Property for the benefit of Lopez's creditors.
- 16. Stanly is prepared to furnish a bond in an amount approved by this Court pursuant to FRBP 2001(b). In that connection, Stanly submits that the only damages Lopez may incur is the difference between the interest earned on the trustee's deposit account and other interest or investment opportunities available to Lopez. Absent contrary evidence submitted by Lopez, Stanly submits that the difference will be nominal.

### II. MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

Pursuant to FRBP 2002(a) and 11 U.S.C. §303(g), an interim trustee may be appointed in an involuntary proceeding at any time before an order for relief is entered, where, as here, a trustee is "necessary to preserve the property of the estate or to prevent loss to the estate." Under exigent circumstances, an interim trustee may be appointed on an ex parte basis – even without notice to

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the debtor and/or a hearing. Matter of R. S. Grist Co., 16 B.R. 872 (Dist. Ct. S.D.Fla. 1982) (without notice to the debtor or a hearing, the bankruptcy court properly granted an exparte application to appoint an interim trustee to preserve estate assets).

An interim trustee should be appointed where, as here, a debtor has demonstrated an intent to dissipate an estate's only significant asset. In re James Plaza Joint Venture, 62 B.R. 959 (Bkrtcy, S.D.Tex, 1986) (interim trustee appointed where debtors were using the estate's only asset – a fund of approximately \$150,000 – to pay attorneys and accountants in connection with State court proceedings). Here, Lopez is attempting to sell the only significant asset that would be available to satisfy the claims of the creditors in this action – the Florida Property. Once that asset is sold, it will not be available to the estate. Those exigent circumstances require the appointment of an interim trustee. Id.

Luckily, this is not a situation like the one in 2003, where the horse had already left the barn, and Lopez's creditors did not learn of the sale of his only asset until it was just exactly too late. This time, there is just enough time to act – to put an interim trustee in place to insure that Lopez is finally held to account, and his creditors receive ratable distribution. Stanly respectfully requests that this Court do so by granting this Application.

## WHEREFORE, Stanly respectfully requests that this Court:

- Enter an Order appointing an interim trustee to: (1) conduct the sale of the Florida Property, and (2) preserve and appropriately administer the proceeds from the sale of the Florida Property; and
  - 2. For such other and further relief as the court deems reasonable, just and proper.

Dated: March 30, 2006 ROBBINS & KEEHN A Professional Corporation

> //s// L. Scott Keehn By:

> > L. Scott Keehn Attorneys for Petitioning Creditor ALAN STANLY

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- 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Robbins & Keehn, APC, attorneys of record for Petitioning Creditor, Alan Stanly. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
- 2. On March 30, 2006, at approximately 3:45 p.m., I called this Court to notify it of the filing of this Ex Parte Application.
- 3. On March 30, 2006, at approximately 4:00 p.m., I called Lopez's attorney, Jonathan Hayes, to notify him of the filing of this Ex Parte Application. Mr. Hayes' office informed me that Mr. Hayes was not in the office, and I was transferred to his voicemail. I left Mr. Hayes a detailed message explaining that this Ex Parte Application would be electronically filed with this Court at some point during the evening of March 30, 2006. I further informed Mr. Hayes that the purpose of this Ex Parte Application is to obtain an order from this Court appointing an interim trustee to conduct the sale of Lopez's Florida Property. I further informed Mr. Hayes that my office would serve them with a copy of this Ex Parte Application via email and facsimile to Mr. Hayes' office.
- 4. I personally arranged to fax copies of this Ex Parte Application to the United States Trustee, the other Petitioning Creditors, and Camille Collins (Lopez's listing agent for the sale of the Florida Property) on March 30, 2006 (immediately after the Application has been filed with this Court).

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Declaration was executed on March 30, 2006 at San Diego, California.

> //s// Leslie F. Keehn LESLIE F. KEEHN

### **VERIFICATION**

I, ALAN STANLY, declare:

I am over the age of eighteen (18) and am a Petitioning Creditor in these proceedings. I have read the foregoing "VERIFIED EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER APPOINTING AN INTERIM TRUSTEE" and know the contents thereof. Based upon my personal knowledge, I know that the factual matters stated in the "Verified Application" are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Verification was executed on March 30, 2006 at San Marcos, California.

> //s// Alan Stanly **ALAN STANLY**

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Beds: 5

**Baths: 3.5** 

Garage: 2

Sq feet: 4000 - 5000

Years built: 1997



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13	vs. )	PROTECTIVE ORDER	
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16	an individual, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,		
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20	PARTNERS, LLC, through its attorneys of reco	ord, and Defendants FRANCIS J. LOPEZ and	
21	ALAN STANLY that a temporary protective or	der shall issue as follows:	
22	1. FRANCIS J. LOPEZ ("LOPEZ"	) will not transfer, directly or indirectly, any	
23	interest in real property owned b	y LOPEZ, including, but not limited to, the certain	
24	real property located at 5461 Los	s Robles Drive, Carlsbad, California 92008	
25	2. ALAN STANLY ("STANLY")	will not transfer, directly or indirectly, any interest	
26	in real property owned by STAN	TLY, including, but not limited to, not to further	
27	encumber the certain real property located at 1569 Berkshire Court, San Marcos,		
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#### OWNER INFORMATION

Owner(s): LANG RMD TRUST Ownership Rights: PERSONAL TRUST Additional Owner #1:LANG RMD TRUST Owner Rights: PERSONAL TRUST Property Address: 5461 LOS ROBLES DR CARLSBAD CA 92008-4423 Mailing Address: 5461 LOS ROBLES DR CARLSBAD CA 92008-4423

#### PROPERTY INFORMATION

County: SAN DIEGO Assessor's Parcel Number:210-115-06-00 Property Type:SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE - TOWNHOUSE Land Use: SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE Building Square Feet: 1651

#### TRANSACTION INFORMATION

Transaction Date: 07/07/2003 Seller Name:LOPEZ FRANCIS J Sale Price: \$700,000.00 Consideration: SALE PRICE (FULL) Deed Type: GRANT DEED Type of Transaction: RESALE Mortgage Amount: \$560,000.00 Mortgage Type: CONVENTIONAL Mortgage Term: 30 YEARS Mortgage Deed Type: DEED OF TRUST Mortgage Date:07/16/2003 Mortgage Due Date: 08/01/2033 Interest Rate:ADJUSTABLE Lender Name: COUNTRYWIDE HM LNS INC Lender Address: CALABASAS, CA 91302-1613 Recording Date: 07/18/2003

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